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RESTRUCTURING AND REVITALIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS
IN THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND RELATED FIELDS

World food security

Canada, Japan, United States of America: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 47/150 of 18 December 1992 on strengthening the United Nations response to world food and hunger problems,

Stressing the urgent need for a more effective and well-coordinated United Nations response to world food security problems,

Underscoring the increasing importance of intergovernmental policy guidance in the United Nations economic and social system, in general, and in the area of world food security specifically,

Affirming the critical importance of establishing the most effective arrangements for the management and coordination of the United Nations response to world food and hunger problems,

1. Decides to maintain the World Food Council as a distinct ministerial body;
2. Considers that a much closer relationship is required between the Economic and Social Council, the World Food Council, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the other Rome-based food organizations, including the World Food Programme;
3. Considers also that increased attention by agriculture and development ministers will greatly improve the utilization of resources for important and growing food and hunger problems, and will enhance food security in developing countries;

4. Decides that World Food Council ministerial participants will meet within the context of the biennial conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in Rome for the purpose of examining and exchanging views on a limited number of carefully selected food and hunger issues, raising the profile of those issues and giving direction in regard to their management;

5. Requests the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to intensify its analysis of food security issues through the Committee on Food Security by enhancing its cooperation with other food organizations and relevant expert bodies, as appropriate, in order to service the Ministerial Meeting of the World Food Council;

6. Requests the Administrative Committee on Coordination to undertake the necessary inter-agency coordination functions with respect to food security issues;

7. Decides that, based on the World Food Council's ministers' reports, the Economic and Social Council will provide broad policy guidance on food and hunger problems within overall development policy, and will ensure suitable opportunities for the direct involvement of development ministers, as warranted;

8. Calls upon the Economic and Social Council, with the assistance of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, to monitor the implementation of its decisions on food and hunger issues throughout the United Nations development system.
